

### **Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

**Area Unique Identifier:** CO-060-018

**Acreage:** 40.5

**Is the area of sufficient size?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

#### **Description**

The unit of BLM land identified as CO-060-018 is adjacent to the Powderhorn Wilderness Study Area (WSA) along its eastern boundary, meeting the size requirement criteria. The boundaries on the north, south and west are private land.

**(1) Does the area appear to be natural?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

#### **Description**

Through the center of this parcel runs the Lake Fork Gunnison River. The topography varies between the river bed and the rolling hills that quickly rise throughout the parcel. The vegetation includes sage brush, pine and riparian vegetation. Highway 149 is in close proximity to the area. The majority of the human activity in this area is fishing access to the Lake Fork of the Gunnison which is responsible for ±50 annual visitors.

**(2) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

#### **Description**

This parcel's differentiating topography and dense vegetation provide opportunities for solitude in limited areas.

**(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

**Description**

This area provides opportunities for unconfined and primitive recreation such as hiking, backpacking, fishing and wildlife viewing.

**(4) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historic value)?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

**Description**

This parcel contains a low level of lynx habitat along with high levels of severe elk winter habitat, mule deer winter habitat, severe mule deer habitat, and potential sage grouse habitat.

## Summary of Analysis

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### Result of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### Check one

  X   The area, or portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

       The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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\*This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.